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the Association far better than he could. Nevertheless it has been your choice and I can only say that I shall do the very best that lies in me to make the American Library Association's year a success.

President TYLER: We have had a notable gathering. All have shared in it; all have helped to make it notable. We owe so much to those of New England who

have made it possible to have this splendid meeting that I am sure we shall leave these shores with a desire to return.

And now we all turn our faces forward to the incoming year under the leadership of the new president and our other officers.

The forty-third annual conference of the American Library Association is adjourned.

COUNCIL

FIRST SESSION

The first session of the Council was held on Tuesday evening, June 21st. President TYLER presided.

The general subject was

LIBRARY REVENUES

WILLIAM F. YUST of Rochester opened the discussion with a paper on

RECENT LEGISLATION AND LIBRARY REVENUES

(See p. 123.)

WILLIAM J. HAMILTON of Indiana followed with a paper on the question,

SHOULD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDS HAVE THE POWER TO LEVY THE LIBRARY TAX

(See p. 130.)

W. O. CARSON of Ontario spoke on

THE ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY RATE

(See p. 126.)

S. H. RANCK of Grand Rapids discussed

THE ONTARIO LIBRARY LAW AND AMERICAN LIBRARIES

(See p. 128.)

PURD B. WRIGHT of Kansas City, and WILLIAM DEAN GODDARD of Pawtucket, spoke on the necessity of frequent revisions of the assessed valuation.

DR. FRANK P. HILL of Brooklyn suggested the danger of looking at these matters in a selfish way, saying that in Brooklyn he did not think the city had a right to spend one dollar per capita.

Others who took part in the discussion were Henry N. Sanborn, Wm. F. Yust,

George F. Bowerman, C. W. Andrews, M. L. Raney and Misses Downey and Tobitt.

It was

Voted, That the President be authorized to appoint a committee of three to make further study and report to the next meeting of the council.

Samuel H. Ranck and Hiller C. Wellman were appointed, with one member to be appointed later.

Meeting adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the Council was held on Saturday afternoon, June 25th. President TYLER presided.

Committee on Committees: The President brought to the attention of the Council the report of the Committee on Committees as printed in the *Annual Reports, 1920-1921*, pp. 25-35. The importance of the report, the desirability of having committees appointed promptly, of having early reports sent to members of the Council and of having definite action by the Council or the Association, as a whole, on the committee recommendations, were discussed by M. L. Raney, W. Dawson Johnston, Henry N. Sanborn, Mary Eileen Ahern.

It was

Voted, That the Executive Board set a date for the receipt of all committee reports, so that copies of these reports can be mailed to all members of the council one month before the First Session of the Council at the annual conferences.

National Certification: The report of the

Committee on National Certification and Training, as found in the *Annual Reports, 1920-1921*, pp. 78-89, was discussed by Josephine Adams Rathbone, Paul M. Paine, June R. Donnelly, Henry N. Sanborn, Mary Eileen Ahern, Azariah S. Root, Purd B. Wright, Mary E. Downey.

The president, Miss Rathbone, and others called attention to the fact that the recommendations of the committee did not involve the approval of the details of the report, but there was much discussion of the tentative scheme outlined in the report.

It was

Voted, That the committee be continued to give the subject continuous consideration and to report (to the Council) at the midwinter conference.

It was

Voted, That the report of the Committee be accepted and that the recommendations as amended by the above vote be approved.

Library Workers' Association: Miss Edith Tobitt, chairman, presented the recommendations of the Council Committee on the Library Workers' Association, as follows:

That the A. L. A. co-operate freely with the Library Workers' Association.

That more time be given the Library Workers' Association to make effective its purpose as outlined in Article 2 of its constitution, thereby proving its purpose to be kindred to the purposes of the American Library Association and that in the meantime affiliation be withheld.

It was

Voted, That the recommendations of the committee be approved and adopted. (Report of this committee will be found on p. 77 of the *Annual Reports, 1920-1921*.)

Libraries in Education: The statement on Libraries in Education prepared for the Library Department of the N. E. A. was submitted to the council. (See p. 166.)

It was

Voted, That this statement on Libraries in Education be adopted by the Council.

The following resolutions recommended by the Committee on Resolutions were adopted:

Towner-Sterling Bill: (See p. 164.)

Reclassification of Government Service:
(See p. 164.)

Library Service: (See p. 164.)

National Archives Building: (See p. 165.)

National Association of Book Publishers:
(See p. 165.)

Library of Congress Cataloging: The following communication from the Catalog Section of the American Library Association was read by the secretary:

The Catalog Section of the A. L. A. submits to the A. L. A. Council the following suggestion:

The utilization of the printed catalog cards of the Library of Congress by hundreds of American libraries of all types renders the efficiency of these cards and the certainty and promptness of their output a matter of general concern. This efficiency, certainty and promptness depends upon the adequacy and the technical and scholarly competence of the cataloging and classification staff of the Library of Congress. The information given in the Librarian's reports that the staff has, during the past few years, been depleted by the resignation of numerous experts, and that under the existing scale of salaries it is impossible to secure equally competent substitutes to replace them, threatens a catastrophe which will therefore be far-reaching. A resolution by the Council might aid to avert it. We suggest such a resolution, which (1) shall state the fact that the competence of this staff is a matter of general concern, (2) shall emphasize that nothing short of the highest technical accomplishments will suffice to assure it, (3) that the present salary scale is quite insufficient to secure it, and (4) that in the reclassification of the government services, or, should this be delayed, then by emergency legislation, the scale be substantially revised, so that this service shall be placed where it justly belongs, among the highly technical and professional services of the government affecting the general welfare.

It was

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit copies of the communication from the Catalog Section to Senator Thomas Sterling, chairman of the Joint Committee of Congress in Civil Service, and to the Hon. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, with the endorsement of the Council of the American Library Association; and that the Executive Board be asked to consider the advisability of sending a representative to Washington to urge such action as will enable the Library of Congress to compete successfully with other libraries and with business houses in securing capable assistants.

Status of Libraries under the Immigration law:

Whereas, The American Library Association has learned of the deportation under the contract labor law of a trained library assistant consequent upon a ruling by the Department of Labor that such assistants are to be classed a "skilled labor," and

Whereas, It is the understanding of the American Library Association that trained library assistants are "professional workers" within the meaning of the exemption under the law of such persons from its provisions, and

Whereas, Library assistants have been ruled to be "professional workers" by other Government departments; therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association respectfully and solemnly protests against any classification that places librarians in any other rank than that of professional workers, and earnestly requests that the Department of Labor will revise its classification to correspond with the facts of the case.

Greetings to American Colony in Peru: The following cable from Forrest B. Spaulding was read by Mary Eileen Ahern:

Lima, Peru, June 22, 1921.
To Milam (Library Association)

American colony through American Society of Peru decides give Peruvian government national system traveling libraries commemoration centenary.

Spaulding.

and it was

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to send greetings and congratulations of the American Library Association to the American colony of Peru.

Reduction of Armament: Miss Ahern presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, The members of the American Library Association have had full demonstration of the pain and pinch that belongs to war and the increased cost of all necessities, both personal and professional, caused thereby; and

Whereas, The exigencies of international conditions brought about by the cost of war is appalling from every standpoint; and

Whereas, We believe the example of the United States in this matter will be followed by other nations—therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association urges upon the President of the United States and Congress the initiative of a movement leading to a reduction of armament at the earliest possible moment; and be it further

Resolved, That a request be made by the members of the American Library Association to their individual congressmen for such action and that a record be made of the replies.

Carnegie Corporation: Mary E. Downey raised the question of a possible conference between representatives of the American Library Association and representatives of the Carnegie Corporation on the subject of donations from the Corporation for library buildings and library work. The question was discussed by W. Dawson Johnston, Henry N. Sanborn, Mary Eileen Ahern, W. O. Carson, M. L. Raney, June R. Donnelly.

It was the general impression of the speakers that the Carnegie Corporation is not making any new donations for library buildings, although it is providing some funds for this purpose on promises made a few years ago; and that the question of the Corporation's attitude toward libraries is under consideration. It was

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed by the Council, either personally or through such instrumentality as seems to him best, to communicate to the Carnegie Corporation the interest of the American Library Association in the resumption of its program in behalf of libraries.

Librarians of Small Libraries Round Table: The following communication was read by the President:

"The section voted to appoint a committee for the purpose of collecting some statistical data that will be of use in comparing conditions of small libraries throughout the United States. I am asked to report this and ask if the A. L. A. will approve our work. We are new in sectional work and want to be sure of our place."

No action was taken, pending further information.

The meeting adjourned.